started. Every rainy season threatens the townspeople with malaria and other diseases. Even the storm water is not drained off, and at times when the river over-flows its banks, pools of water are formed, and the water so impounded remains for months together even after the rainy season closes. Consequently rank vegetation and all varieties of mosquitoes and other pests flourish in abundance in the town. Unless the stagnant water is effectually drained off, there is no hope of improvement in the health of the town.

(3) The provision of a proper drainage for this town may kindly be undertaken early. The subject appears to be still under correspondence. Unless proper steps are taken to drain off the storm water which at present stagnates in the pools that form in the town in the rainy season, the sanitary condition of the town cannot be improved.

Reply of Government.—The scheme is under consideration and will be dealt with expeditiously.

SUBJECT No. 320.

Water-supply to Shimoga.

(1) Messrs. S. Seetharamiah and A Cheluvaiengar, Shimoga taluk, C. Subba Rao, Shimoga District Board.

(2) Messrs. G. Chandappa and P. Venkappayya, Shimoga municipality

Summary of discussion.—(1) Though the water works of Shimoga town were started about three years ago no action has been taken to provide house connections and to increase the number of taps both in the old town and in the new extension as requisitioned for by the municipality. The Water Works Department may be kindly ordered to attend to the requisitions of the municipality in this respect at an early date.

(2) There are about 24 taps at present for the whole town proper, and these are fixed at inconvenient places. In thickly populated places like the petta and the Brahmin street, one tap may be provided for every 15 houses. The waste water collecting from the taps in the side drains has no outlet and renders the town insanitary. Steps may be taken for draining off such water effectively. House connection may be caused to be supplied when applied for by the house owners.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered if the municipality sends up schemes.

SUBJECT No. 321.

Improvement of the town of Kallurkatte.

Messrs. Mylarappa and N. Subba Rao, Nagar taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Although Kallurkatte was formed the headquarter of the Nagar taluk in 1893, proper facilities have not been afforded for the improvement of the town. The following facilities may be afforded to intending house-builders in this town, most of whom are poor persons :—

(1) Building sites may be granted either free of cost or at nominal rates.